

### Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] Priority is claimed to German Patent Application No. DE 102 48 270.5-43, filed on October 16, 2003 2004, ~~the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.~~

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] In order to be able to obtain the optical effects comparable with those of the conventional vehicle finishes by means of wet coating materials, thicknesses of up to 20 µm for the second paint layer [[7]] 9, based on the dry layer thickness, have proven to be advantageous. Normally in this context the proportion of the first paint layer 7 to the second paint layer 9 should be such that the first paint layer 7 is approximately 3 to 5 times thicker than the second paint layer 9. Customary paint systems, for example, envisage a first paint layer 7 in a dry layer thickness of approximately 20 µm, whereas the second paint layer in a dry layer thickness of approximately 5 µm, which is applied by the atomization, is sufficient to obtain the optical properties referred to at the outset